

LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BY WM. R. RATHVON OF DENVER

Although Rain Was Falling Last Night, a Large Crowd Was Present at the High School Auditorium to Listen to a Lecture on the Subject of Christian Science, by William R. Rathvon, Member of the Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass. The Speaker of the Evening Was Introduced by Col. Sidney Suggs.

In introducing the speaker, Col. Suggs said:

My Friends: 'Tis most pleasing to see so many of you lay aside social and business affairs and come out this evening to attend this lecture. "Christian Science" is today engaging the thoughts of more real thinking people than has ever been done before. The people are today trying in a spiritual way to apply the hundreds of promises found in the Bible. Christ said "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Thinking Christians are realizing more and more every day that this is not only a general but a personal promise. All who feel that they need spiritual, mental or physical help and a better understanding of God's word have begun to realize that all these promises were not made merely to fill space, but for a glorious purpose. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." There are thousands today through the teachings of Christian Science availing themselves of these precious promises. You will notice, however, that the promises are to those only who are seriously and prayerfully seeking the kingdom of God. A noticeable fact is that real students of

Christian Science who have seen the vision and are trying to quit seeing evil, hearing evil or speaking evil, they are trying to quit sin according to God's will and for our Savior's sake have been restored to health, have been snatched as brands from the burning, as it were, and fully restored to joy, peace, health and happiness. Not one has turned back, but are daily pressing forward, following as best they can the footsteps of Christ according to God's will. Every earnest student of Christian Science possesses a joyous smile and a heart full of love. We shall now hear more scientific words than I can utter from the speaker of the evening—William R. Rathvon of Denver, Colo., who will speak to you authoritatively on the subject of "Happiness Here and Hereafter."

Because Christian Science is not a religion of waiting but of immediate action and prompt results; because it is the religion of the present as well as the future; because it puts joy into life and helps us to overcome death, and because in all its ministrations it pushes aside the transitory forces of the human will and the human mind and grasps instead the ever-available and unlimited powers of the divine Mind, God Himself

for these reasons its universal appeal is being gladly heard by every class and type of humankind. Naturally it may be asked, How is the investigator to acquire a practical knowledge of this Science for which so much is claimed?

The Textbook and Its Author. Every science should be rightly learned from its textbook and Christian Science is no exception to this rule. Besides the Bible there is but one textbook of Christian Science, the book "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, the book that has won its way into the hearts and lives of unnumbered men and women and children, who have found in it a quiet friend whose silent influence is a mighty power for good.

It is perhaps unnecessary to inform this audience that the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science and the author of its textbook was a woman—a gentle woman, Mary Baker Eddy. You may know that too far years she stood alone—one lone woman against the whole world—opposed and assailed by the world of theology, of medicine, of established usage, of tradition, of conservatism; opposed by the world of intellect and of ignorance, of common sense and uncommon sense, of bigotry and cruelty, of ridicule and falsity; and ever pursued by the human and inhuman hatred of truth. All these forces were for years arrayed against this one woman and the message God had placed in her hands to deliver to humanity. But she was never daunted or dismayed by anything in the world, the flesh, or evil might try to do to her, for she never let go of the hand of God.

Never in modern times has a spiritually-minded woman been so relentlessly abused without cause, and her message so maligned and misrepresented from pulpit, press and platform. Yet, in all the years of persecution which Mrs. Eddy suffered, not one word of retaliation or resentment dropped from her tongue or pen. She never returned evil for evil. And I assert this not as a matter of hearsay or opinion, but from personal knowledge gained from several years of daily association with Mrs. Eddy, while I was a member of her own household.

Need it be wondered then that there are multitudes of people who are today profoundly grateful to her who have been the means of restoring to them the things that make life worth the living? And as one among that multitude I am glad here and always to declare my gratitude for what Christian Science has brought into my life through the right understanding of God which it imparts.

God as Principle. It has been aptly said that life is like an arithmetic, made up of problems which a very few find easy to solve, and which the others never learn to work out. Now we all know that the student's failures to solve the problems of arithmetic are due to his incomplete or defective knowledge and application of the principles of mathematics. But did you ever consider that so many of us fail to solve the problems of every-day life because of our incomplete or defective knowledge of the principles of God?

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fective knowledge of infinite Principle of existence, God?

Christian Science is giving to man an understanding of God as the infinite Principle of all that really exists, the Principle which, in the words of our text book, is "underlying, overlying and encompassing all true being" (Science and Health, p. 486); the Principle which operates through unchanging laws, laws which are always beneficent and always comprehensible and demonstrable.

Many of us have been taught in our earlier days that it is not essential to understand God, if we will but believe in Him. Now think of trying to solve an intricate problem in mathematics by merely believing in its principles, without understanding them. And are not the problems of life vastly more important and momentous than anything that mathematics can present? Problems which when wrongly worked leave us heavy laden with sickness, fear, want, misery and sin? Christian Science, following the teachings of Jesus the Christ, shows us that a right understanding of God is as essential to every student in the school of life as an understanding of numbers is to the student of mathematics.

Omnipotence. Every right concept of God as infinite good must include His omnipotence. His omnipresence. His omniscience. Finite man cannot comprehend these divine qualities in their fullness, but it is a noteworthy fact that in the proportion that you do realize them, in that proportion do you find good coming into your life and evil leaving it. You do not need to know all of God that is to be known, before you get any of the good that comes from using even a little of such knowledge.

As you thus learn to know God aright, you will discover that any evil thing which may come upon you has not the power to harm you that you once believed it had. You will no longer dread what men may say or do to you. You will no longer fear things present or things to come. You will learn to succeed in spite of failure, to be strong in spite of weakness, to be steadfast in spite of the storm. Sickness, sin, want, failure and the like lose their hold upon you, and even if they should come upon you they cannot disable, disturb or depress you, or master you, or deprive you of your God-given rights, nor can they separate you from the love of God, omnipotent good.

In the proportion you realize that God is omniscience, that He knows the eternal truth about all that really exists, even to knowing you far better than you know yourself, knowing you and seeing you as He made you in His own image and likeness, reflecting every quality of good,—when you discover this about yourself, and see that evil is not a part of you, does not belong to you, and cannot control you unless you submit to it, then you bestir yourself to get rid of it by reducing it to its native nothingness. As you learn to know more about God, your thought dwells less upon yourself and your own affairs, and you lose much of that injurious habit of self-thinking that shows itself in such things as sensitiveness, self-pity, self-righteousness, self-justification and self-condemnation, which is quite as bad. For, my friends, man does not need to be condemned, not even by himself; he needs to be saved.

Dominion and Opportunity. In the old way of thinking we used to hear much about man being the creature of circumstance. Christian Science is reversing this belief of limitation and is proving that man, if he will, may be the master to circumstance, not its victim. There is a short sentence in our text book bearing on this subject containing only seven words, but so carefully chosen and so skillfully grouped as to form a standard for thought and action which inspires with courage, imparts endurance, and leads to victory. You will find it on page 419 of Science and Health, and it reads: "Meet every adverse circumstance as its master."

Not only are we here told to do this, but we are also shown how it is to be done. Throughout the whole book we are reminded that man's divine birthright is dominion, not subjection. You remember that in the first chapter of Genesis, where the spiritual creation of man and the universe is described, we are told not that man is made from a rib, a bone, that he is created in God's image and likeness and is given dominion over all.

That divine birthright can never be taken from man. It is ours today and ever will be. Is it not pitiful, then, that through fear or indifference or infidelity or lethargy, mankind has allowed this deific bestowal to lapse into desuetude? We need to be awakened and aroused, and to exercise our God-given authority. "How are we to do this?" you may ask. Again our text book answers your question on page 393. Hear these ringing words that should be emblazoned in

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Christian Science imparts the understanding of being which shows that opportunity is ever present and ever available to the man who relies upon God more than upon himself

or any other man or thing or circumstance or belief. Mrs. Eddy says (Christian Healing, p. 19): "Tireless Being, patient of man's procrastination, affords him fresh opportunities every hour."

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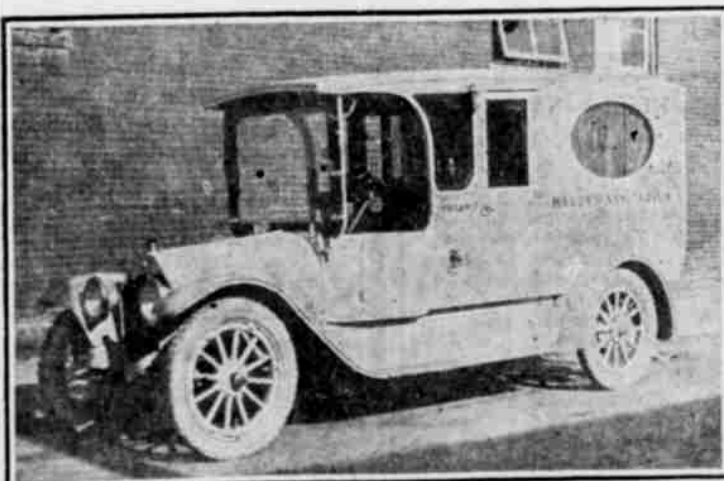
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